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School Suggests A G.I. Memorial

"Trees Are Appropriate" Say Several Hamiltonites

In the last issue of the *Pilot*, the editorial concerned an appropriate memorial for our boys who have gone into the service. "It is altogether fitting and proper that we do this in recognition of those Fort Hamilton boys who have given so much for the ideals that they believed in." The following suggestions were given by members of the faculty and students.

What memorial do you think we should have for our boys in the service?

Mr. Ludwig: I think that an appropriate tribute to our boys would be a beautiful allegorical mural. A painting such as this would be in constant view to the students as they pass through the hall. It would also serve to show the moral obligation that our boys were under.

Mrs. Jaffe: I think that planting trees as they did in the last war would be a suitable memorial, especially since we have such large grounds.

Mrs. C... I believe that planting trees would be appropriate. They would be a permanent memorial and would add to the beauty of our grounds.

Helen Gregorios 5-8: I think the boys need and would want something constructive that would help them on their feet again. A rehabilitation center for our wounded veterans built with the funds from a student production.

George Porer 6-1: A permanent honor roll would be the best thing we could do to remember the boys in service. Perhaps a bronze plaque would be the right thing with the names of the students who gave their lives heading the list.

Norma Lieberman 5-1: Our real heroes are the boys who don't come back. They ask remembrance not of their lives but of their buddies still fighting. I suggest a memorial to be built in a post-war world with the contributions in war stamps by the students of F.H.H.S.

Esposito, of June '43, In D-Day Invasion

Coast Guardsman Jerry Esposito, of the graduating class of June '43, participated in the D-Day invasion and the invasion of southern France.

Out of his eighteen months in the Coast Guard Service, Jerry Esposito has been in the European Theater of Operations attached to the Amphibious Transport Service, for eleven months.

Esposito has been in the two major invasions. He told us: "The D-Day invasion of Normandy was a bloody affair and I saw many of my buddies die, but the invasion of southern France was a walk-over."

After being around a lot of service men, Esposito said: "It means a lot to the fellows in the service to receive mail from the kids in their old school because it keeps us posted on what's going on."

Fuel Holiday

Fuel rationing once more asserts itself and Fort Hamilton will enjoy a three day vacation between terms.

School will close on Tuesday, January 30, the day on which commencement takes place, and there will be no school Wednesday, January 31, Thursday, February 1, or Friday, February 2.

The new term will begin on Monday, February 5. Students are to report to their new prefect classes at 8:40 as usual.

Musical A Success From First Beat

In order to gauge the accomplishments of Fort Hamilton's Music Department, students, their friends, and their parents came to Fort Hamilton's Musical on January 12.

This was the third annual musical and according to the audience, was the "best so far." The band, under the direction of Mr. Rattner, played *Traviata*, by Verdi, in which our large, capable clarinet section was outstanding and a chorale, *Sleeper's Wake* by Bach in which the brass was featured. The orchestra, under Mrs. Gluck's supervision, played *The Wedding March* by Mendelssohn, the *Mozart Suite* and the *Polonaise Militaire* by Chopin.

Repeat Performance

The Glee Club repeated the performance given at the Christmas assembly, under the direction of Miss Konig. The group sang *On This Good Christmas Morn*, the song which appeared to be the favorite of both students and faculty at the Christmas assembly. Our new girls' chorus, consisting of sixty girls, displayed a grace and charm seldom heard in such a chorus. With the addition of the *Alphabet Song*, a gay and lively number, their program was the same as at the Christmas Assembly.

Farewell Senior Hop A Jade Room Formal

On Saturday night, January 6, the graduating class of January, 1945 held its Senior Prom in the Jade Room of the Waldorf Astoria. The Prom which began at 9 P.M. ended at 2 A.M. It was a dinner-dance affair and the music was supplied by Joe Carroll and his orchestra.

Teachers Attend

Among the people present at the Prom were Mr. Sterne, this term's Senior class grade adviser and Miss Scheh, the social affairs adviser. The people who attended were welcomed at the door of the Jade Room by Miss Scheh, who said to each and everyone, "Have a very nice time."

Since the Prom was formal the boys wore tuxedos, while the girls wore evening gowns. George Samen, Vice-President of the graduating class, gave a toast to both Mr. Sterne and Miss Scheh on behalf of the Seniors. He thanked them for their patience and for all the work they did for the class of Jan. '45.

337 Graduates To Be Awarded Diplomas In Fourth Graduation

Two Letters From England Say Our Foster Children Are Happy

Evidently the condition of malnutrition from which Anastasia Nancy Cowdery was suffering at the time of her adoption in the fall of 1944, has disappeared. A letter has just been received from the supervisor of the children's hostel where Nancy and her brother have been placed. Nancy, just fifteen months old, now seems to be enjoying life in her new home very much.

In addition, another letter was received from our faithful foster son, Bertie.



NANCY COWDERY

Red Cross Replies; Stockings Welcomed

Christmas stockings filled under the supervision of the Red Cross Club, were enthusiastically received by Miss Catherine Griffin, head of the Junior Red Cross of Brooklyn who directed their distribution to the "Waves." She was also deeply impressed by the added contribution of cartons filled with Christmas gift packages. She sent the following letter to Miss Mattson:

My dear Miss Mattson:
Our very warm and grateful thanks to you and to the students who helped in the project of filling Christmas stockings for sick "Waves" at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, and who contributed in addition, the many cartons filled with delightful looking Christmas gift packages.

We were proud and happy to send this generous consignment of beautiful packages to the U. S. Naval Hospital. The Motor Corps volunteer who helped to load the gifts into the Chapter station wagon was quite thrilled, saying she had no idea the schools carried on such wonderful service work. She was very much impressed at the gifts sent from Fort Hamilton H. S.—and so are we.

Please be sure your gifts will give happiness to many a sick and lonely girl in the service of the U. S. Navy on Christmas Day. The Red Cross Director at the hospital is most appreciative of the school's help in contributing to the Christmas program the hospital tries to arrange for its patients.

Cordially,
Catherine Griffin,
Executive Secretary
Junior Red Cross,
Brooklyn Chapter

Dear Foster-Parent,

Nancy has been very well this month. Her small brother Kenrick is also living in the Colony and the two children are very attached to each other. I am sending you a picture of them both that was taken last month; they are very much alike to look at and it is easy to see that they are brother and sister. I hope that you will like the picture. I thought that it was a specially good one of them both.

With the colder days the children have had to spend more time indoors, and Nurse May, our Norland Nurse, has been busy planning all kinds of games and action songs for them. Although Nancy is too young to take any real part in these, she loves to watch the other children and claps her hands after each song. Sometimes she imitates the actions that they do and Matron tells me that she is sure it will not be long before she is able to join in the easy ones.

Letter From Bertie

Dear Foster Parents,

I hope you are happy and well. The weather here is cold and wet and very wintry. We will soon have finished potato picking. I have earned \$1 so far. We have started playing table tennis in class room 11R and we have a lot of fun.

The nights now are getting dark, also the mornings. My father has been to see me and is looking well and happy because I've got Foster Parents. We have had some new library books for boys to read in school and in bed.

Love from,

Bertie

Membership In G. O. Improves; Aim-100%

Going over last year's mark slightly, 91% of the students are G. O. members. Out of 72 official classes 28 have 100% in addition to the 7 eighth term classes.

Mr. Bedell, completing his first term as G. O. Faculty Adviser, was pleased with the cooperation which he says makes his job easier. "For the future we're aiming for 100% of the school being taxpayers not just members. With increased revenue even more clubs and possibly more teams will be added," said Mr. Bedell. He was also very pleased with the splendid support of the basketball team this season.

Thirty Servicemen Listed For Diploma In Absentia

Thirty boys in the armed services will receive their war diplomas, together with 307 regular graduates, at Fort Hamilton's fourth graduation, to be held on Tuesday, January 30 at 1:30 P. M.

Dr. Frederick W. Maroney, Dean of Students at Brooklyn College, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Maroney was formerly chairman of the Health Education Department at that College.

Helen McShane, 8-3, will deliver the valedictory, and Leon Anderson, 8-7, senior class president, the salutatory.

Awards Not Complete

Complete lists of the award winners can not be compiled until after Regents week, because many of the awards are decided partly on the basis of Regents marks.

The mixed chorus under the direction of Miss Konig, will sing two selections, but the choice has not yet been made. Neither is the Music Department certain as to whether the band or the orchestra will play.

War Diploma List

These are the boys receiving war diplomas: Donafrio, John; Dale, Robert; Heine, Erwin; Andrews, James; Havness, Theo; Delaney, Robert; Cyriaks, John; Roselli, Vito; Foss, Sigrird; Harris, Donald; Jorgensen, George; Purpura, Joseph; Mazzolo, James; Wagner, Robert; Moser, George; Stendera, John; Johnson, George; Keane, Francis J.; Cassidy, Edward; Sheehan, John; Swenson, Joseph; Finnegan, Gerard; Scully, William; Barry, Edward; Batt, Douglas; Newman, Saul; Bunseith, David; Beattie, Joseph; Nelson, Arthur; Miller, Don.

Navy Man Returns To Complete School

Back at school again with an honorable discharge from the U. S. Navy, Howard Baker, 7-6, finds it a little "tough," but worth while to get back to the old routine.

Howard joined up when he was seventeen years old and in the fifth term. At that time, he was failing with about a 50% average. Now, after having served eight months with Uncle Sam, being wounded in action, spending 4½ months in hospitals, and returning to school in September, Howard is not only doing 75% work, but is attending Bay Ridge High School at night, in order to fit in his economics.

While in the Navy, after completing his training at Sampson, he served on two destroyers, with the rating of Seaman 2nd class, doing deckwork. His ship was torpedoed, and Howard received a leg injury. He spent three months in a Boston Hospital, and upon his discharge, came back home. After graduating high school, Howard intends to take advantage of his G.I. Bill of Rights, and go to college.



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Keep It Up

Now that the holidays are past, and we've entered into a new year with new thoughts, let's not forget that we're still fighting, that the boys at the front have still the same thoughts of coming home. Let's not forget our job in this war, the job of buying War Bonds and Stamps. And let's not slacken the sales during Regents week. Remember, it will be only by our steady and continued efforts that our fighting men will receive the necessary materials for winning the war.

To The Seniors

*But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.*

That's a quotation from Robert Frost, and our seniors are well aware of its meaning. Yes, the graduates who are leaving Fort Hamilton this month will be entering into a war torn and yet promise-filled new world.

There will be much work ahead for them, and a new life, with new thoughts and with greater development and understanding. These graduates will soon be taking on added responsibilities wherever they go, and realize now that high school has made them more capable of handling them.

They have contributed much to the school for which we wish to acknowledge our fullest appreciation.

Farewell seniors and good luck!

On Student Court

Should we have a students court in Fort Hamilton? Fred Gardner, 7-5, President G. O.

I think the student court would be swell. The students would really have a "say" in school affairs if they regulated discipline. Yvonne Wasley, 3-1.

Such a system would be much fairer to the students than to have teachers decide their fates. Helen Gottlieb, 5-4.

Yes, a student court would act as a grand jury to see whether there is enough evidence to make the defendant liable to the usual punishment for his crimes. Gladys Abourezk, 5-2, Sec. of the G.O.

If we were to have a student court it would have to be well organized so that the students can be sure of their decisions. I am greatly in favor of it, if it is run fairly. Virginia Iacuzzi, 5-10.

Yes, I think Fort Hamilton should have a student court. It would give the students a chance to express themselves, especially if it were run fairly. Eleanor Bell, 8-4.

Of course I think the court would be a wonderful idea, but before we can have one we need a Service Corps. This means that next term's seniors have a job, starting a Service Corps in order to get a court. It's worth the trouble, though.

Salmon Cards Battle Diplomas For Souls of Sorry Students

By Marilyn Pitney

Let me introduce you to Mr. Salmon, or have you already met? He originated in the minds of some conscientious teachers and makes his home in the desk drawers and cubby-holes of these same people.

He is the guy who puts a jinx on us just when we are having the time of our life, on school time, of course. There seems to be an over abundance of this salmon, too. There's no ration points needed either, and he is a constant annoyance to all students.

In The Pink

His face is always deep pink which indeed it should be for all the trouble he makes for innocent students. When asked for his opinion of this menacing object, Chuckhead Charlie said: "I never do anything wrong. Why do I always get blamed? I only wrote my name in red pain on the steps outside and let a couple of rats in the lab out of their cage. I didn't do anything, did I? Why do they give Salmon cards for little things like that? I'm a victim of circumstance that's what I am."

Innocent Bliss, our promising young freshman, added to Chuckhead's statement by saying: "I walk along the hall, see, minding me own business and sorta scraping my ruler along the wall when suddenly I gets jerked around. Before I knows it a nice little orange card is waved in me face. Another to add to my collection. It's unconstitutional. That's what it is."

The Diploma

The Diploma is something you work hard for four years to get hold of and then when you finally have it in your hands, what do you

do with it? Stick it in a drawer with a sigh and forget about it.

It's the thing that makes us worry about our Regents and actually break our necks studying so that our parents think we're ill and our teachers can't figure out what is the matter.

It is perhaps the most expensive paper there is, and it is almost as scarce as butter, without the points.

If it's fate isn't destined for the drawer, it is carefully framed and hung in a dark corner somewhere where no one ever sees it and where it just becomes a terrible ordeal for the house cleaner.

Diploma Is The End

Barnaby Bugle says this: In years to come, they tell me, this piece of paper will be mighty useful to me, so I broke my last year's New Year's resolution and actually studied this term. I went to all my classes too. Now, all I have to do is convince my teachers. Then I graduate.

DRIFTWOOD

By Roger Tyndall
FACE TO FACE

"Mirror, mirror, on da wall
Who's got da fairest mug of all?"
At this the looking glass did pall—
Then bowed and pointed—to the wall.

*When first I saw your face I said,
"Where's the face could match it?"
And to this day I've never found
One that looked more like a hatchet.*

TOUCH THE HEART

*In my secret heart there dwells
A wish,—a hope, well kept behind
Its silent, throbbing walls—
Locked—in my eternal mind.*

*Yet silence makes it—no less sure.
Nor outward calm—the less sublime.
Within, it burns secure against
The flailing axe of Time.*

*And so—last night in dreams I saw
Your face; reaching out—I kissed it.
If hope means aught—I'll reach your heart,—
Thrust in a knife—and twist it!*

REGENTS

By Janet Frank

Within me stirs a premonition of disaster,
And although escape I seek;
As oft I've feared it cannot be evaded.

I surrender, Regents week!

*A picture of femininity
With dainty head held high
Adorned with soft and glossy furs
Gracefully strolled by.
I longed to feel her loving touch
But as I tipped my hat
I thought, "She belongs to someone else."
She's the next door neighbor's cat.*

Class of January 1945



Sea Weed

*On the Friday before Christmas, and I relate
blushing . . . Seventh termers corraling members of
the faculty and cleverly maneuvering them under the
mistletoe in Miss Reis' office . . . Mr. Baron after
receiving the sweet consequences sarcastically claim-
ing that he knew it was there all the time . . . Mr.
Shostak swinging around the trap and running into
the strong arms of his editor-in-chief . . . Mr. Kamin
for some reason or another thrown out by the boys
... Oh shall I go on and on!*

*Soft Shell and otherwise optional . . . Lovesick
females chasing Phil Monaco about school and beg-
ging to hear him recite his latest poem "A Crush"—
P.S. What makes the poem such a delicate piece of
writing is the author's complete command of the
subject . . . Mr. Mattei's glass eye and apart screw
by screw during his second and third period Spanish
classes . . . Walter Gabel of 3-12 presenting Miss
Morholt with six red points after disgustingly sitting
through an experiment involving proteins and kid-
neys. No doubt he would like the use of steaks here-
after.*

*Worth Repeating: Number 3987 to prison li-
brarian: "D'ya have any Escapist literature" . . . He's
a four-letter man, D-U-M-B . . . Mr. Meek presenting
his manuscript to Mr. Brown of Brown's Publishing
Company who lights a match and burns it. "Now, isn't
that going a bit too far Mr. Brown?" . . . In her
class your words have to be sharp and to the point
because that's the only way you'll ever get a word in
edgeways.*

Strictly Senior

*Behind the scenes at the Senior Play Rehearsal—
Julie Collier, tell them how you acquired the name
Hippy . . . Most oft-heard comment made by Joe
King—"Bea, better not laugh" . . . D. S. you really
should be more careful about walking around the
halls with lipstick on after "that" scene. Muriel's lip-
stick isn't indelible, you know . . . Ann Berg—"I
must get a new dress" . . . Bob Johnson always man-
ages to walk home with at least three slick chicks
surrounding him (directing seems to agree with you,
Mr. J.).*

*We now understand why B. P. (one of our glamor
boys) doesn't like the Lindy, and we can see the
better points of his style of dancing . . . Plans for
Samen and Samson's Model agency are being ad-
vanced; now all they need is a financial backer . . .
Accent on Love, Bob Sargoy head over heels over
one of our prettier co-eds . . . Senior boy's eyes pop
out when our favorite strawberry blond (Joan Kelly)
gaily trips down the hall. Take it easy boys, we're
admittin' she's easy on the eye.*

*Don Miller and Gene Meyer take note of the fol-
lowing:*

*Someone's been teachin' Georgie Hayden lessons
in love.*

*Hats off to the Tower staff for the superb job
they have done with the yearbook.*

*And now in this, our last issue, we want to let
everyone know the fun we've had, and we hand this
over to the seventh termers in the hope that they will
get as much out of their senior year as we have got-
ten out of ours.*

Stokowski Hears Musical Prodigy

Students Gain Musical Fame

"It all depends," was the reply Eugene Albert, a Fort Hamilton student, made when asked if he liked school. He explained, rather hesitantly, that this "depends" included teachers, students, classes and other disturbing factors.



Eugene Albert

Eugene has one goal toward which he has constantly worked. His ambition is to become a concert pianist and, as Eugene puts it, "a composer, as a sideline." Recently this young man took another step on the road to success when he auditioned for a solo performance with Leopold Stokowski's Civic Center Orchestra.

George Rudolph

"Music was born in me," said George Rudolph who had composed and played his own composition at the Christmas assembly.

George's musical career started at the tender age of five when he would get up early in the morning, climb



George Rudolph

a tree and sing. He has been taking music lessons ever since then and has also been taking a course at Julliard Institute of Music.

His favorite composers are Ravel, Gershwin, and Shostakovich. In his spare time he composes music and improvises melodies.

Not only has George mastered the piano, but he plays the harmonica, organ and, he added triumphantly, "The Bazooka."

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8:55-12:15	American History Typewriting Major Art I Mech. Dr. II	English 4 years Plane Geometry Home Economics Text. Art	Int. Algebra Adv. Algebra Bookkeeping 2 Major Art II	Solid Geometry Plane Trigonometry Shop IV
12:55-4:15	Latin 2 years French 2 years Spanish 2 years Economics	Physics Chemistry Biology Ap. Chem. Combined Sten-Type Home Economics Nursing	Latin 3 yrs. French 3 yrs. Spanish 3 yrs. Major Art IV	Comprehensive Music

Regents Are Approaching Fast; I Shoulda Stood In Grade School

By NORMA LIEBERMAN

Regents, oh Regents! Where for art thou Regents? Coming students, coming January 22, 23, 24 and 25.

Ah, Winter, when a young girl's fancy turns to thoughts of R-E-G-E-N-T-S! Even the hidden senior male population arise for the blessed event. Regents is better known to many as, "My mother told me there would be moments like this." To some, Regents are like men. They take them or leave them. Generally, they do both. I'm studying for the Regents to get ahead. I certainly need one.

My History Regents is the one cluttering up one-fourth of my cranium

along with Tom, Dick and Harry. For instance, did you know that the United States is famous for its wild animals: wild boar in the mountain region, wild deer in the forest region and wolves in khaki and navy blue. Yes, indeed it was a wonderful state for games until Mayor LaGuardia came along.

Norma's Abnormal Notes

Virginia Dare was the first English speaking child to be born. Of course she wasn't born speaking; she picked it up a few years later. The face of Virginia Dare later became famous to the American public decorating the labels on wine bottles. Lincoln built the first log cabin, a crude, rustic shanty held together by an old discarded bobby-pin and band-aid. Besides the forty-eight states we have

Brooklyn. Brooklyn, the land of the free and the home of the Dodgers.

In summing up, let me remind you once more of our motto: "Esse Quam Videri," which means "To be, rather than to seem." It has been adopted by the students of F.H.H.S. with a slight variation, "To SEEM working rather than to BE working."

Students Urged To Join Program Squad

The all important program squad, under the direction of Mr. Christ and Miss Randles, meets daily in room 268.

Although there are already fifteen members enrolled, additional volunteers are wanted to aid in planning next term's programs. Students who have an average of 75% or over, and who are recommended by their teachers, are requested to join. "The school more or less stands or falls according to the squad's work," remarked Mr. Christ. So if you want to help during Regents week and would be interested in this work, get in touch with Mr. Christ, room 268.

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Bell, Benson and DiTrani Will Miss 'Pilot'

Longhairs Prepare For Center Concerts

Leopold Stokowski, conducting the New York City Symphony, will present a series of concerts at the City Center of Music and Drama to which all students are invited.

Symphonic concerts, prepared by Mr. Stokowski to be of special benefit to students, will be given on two Thursdays, February 15 and March 15 from 2:30 to 4:30 P.M. The prices for these concerts range from \$1.20 to \$3.00.

Also listed among the offerings of the Center are a number of twilight concerts arranged for both students and adults. These concerts will be given on January 30 and February 13 from 6 to 7:30 P.M.

The City Center

The City Center of Music and Drama is a non-profit organization enabling the people of New York City to attend performances of the best music and drama. Located at 131 West 55 Street, the Center is the first municipal enterprise of this type attempted by an American City.

Fund From Auction Provides New Books

Our library shelves will hold a number of additional war books next term. Purchase of these books was made possible by the success of the auction of lost and found articles on Monday, January 8. The event took place in the library, with a large group attending.

Profit of \$34.80

The auction netted the library a profit of \$34.80, the largest bid for a single article being \$6.75 for a Swiss watch, which was purchased by Howard Baker, after a vigorous bidding contest. On the other hand, some of the articles sold for as little as one cent. The many pens sold for prices ranging from 10c to 95c.

Howard Solomon accepted the position of auctioneer at the last minute, and conducted himself admirably. Each purchaser received a bill of sale to assure ownership of the article.

Three unfortunate members of the Pilot staff will be graduating this term. No more will they experience the glory of meeting deadlines, the satisfaction of working in the Publications Office on cold winter nights and having hot coffee served at twelve. Yes, they leave us now and certainly deserve a word of thanks for their very fine work.

Eleanor Bell Leaves

Eleanor Bell has been news editor for a year. She was a member of Mr. Solovay's last journalism class and was a reporter before taking over her responsible editorial position. Eleanor says that she doesn't know how she'll get along without us. Where will she ever meet so many and such a variety of assorted characters? Eleanor plans to attend Cornell.

Kenny Benson, our ace photographer, has been with the Pilot since it was first organized three years ago. He is one of the few pioneers who survived from the very beginning. He has photographed every important activity since the day the school opened.

Marie DiTrani, an associate editor this term, also studied journalism under Mr. Solovay. She has handled almost every type of news and feature assignments, and on being asked for a parting message, Marie said, "Working on the Pilot has been wonderful experience. I have acquired not only many friends, but I have also become acquainted with many members of the faculty."

New Positions

Next term Shirley Wiener will take over the important job of news editor. Evelyn Eenberg will move into Shirley's present position of feature editor, and our co-business managers will be Bob Wolke and Alfred Olsen. Marie Coiro, Jean Atha and Joan Steinberg will join the business staff. The new reporters chosen from the journalism class are: Nancy Atkins, Virginia Christie, Jean Holowchak, Martha Kinscher, Arthur Lack, Doris Nilsen, Betty Simmons, Doris Tomczak, Rita Turino, and Joan Williams.

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"Brooklyn still rates number one on my hit parade, but I sure do get a kick out of the South," exclaimed Private Louis Rubino, a graduate of the class of '43, who is now working for Uncle Sam. "However those 'now you all's' and 'down yonder there's' just can't compete with the good old Dodger talk," continued the ex-Hamiltonian.

Private Rubino, who is stationed at Camp Hood, Texas, is serving with a tank destroyer battalion, known as the Hellcat Division. When asked more about his work with this group, the private smiled, took out his wallet, and produced a picture of a tank destroyer, the M-18. "There she is," he exclaimed, fondly. "I drive."

Way back in '42, Louis was a member of one of Hamilton's first basketball teams. He also went in for other sports and favored photography as a hobby. Today, he states that he misses civilian life but that he is glad to be with an outfit which is sure to carry a wicked wallop to Hitler's door.

Library Party Held

Christmas was here and is gone. In its stead are many pleasant memories. The library squad, on Friday, December 15, bought a Christmas tree and on the following Monday they decorated it. All the ornaments were made by hand.

Wednesday, December 20, eighteen members of the library squad including 2 boys enjoyed themselves at a party consisting of sweet cider, doughnuts, nuts, raisins, and general hilarity.

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Take a look at an old pal's duty roster . . . After being here ten days as Asst. Chief of Reconditioning, they relieved the Medical Officer, a major, and handed me the job of chief. Then an old major was transferred. I got his two babies . . . personal affairs and public relations. Since that time:

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Well, boys, there you are . . . don't ask me how you can do these things in a day . . . they seem to spread themselves (including me!) fairly well. You probably won't know me when I get back. I speak about two luncheons a week . . . bad for the figure . . . 'nuff said!

This is unusual country . . . beautiful. So different from what we are used to in the East. Mist (?) fog or cold in the mornings, clear with sun and warmth during the afternoon (you can omit the army blouse), cool nights . . . not bad. And then there is always a Rose Bowl game . . . five minutes walking time from the hospital.

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Sincerely,

Capt. James Quigley

Dear _____,

Here it is, two days before Christmas and there isn't a bit of snow on the ground! Besides, the prospects are very distressing. The temperature is 85 degrees, the sun is hot, the palm trees flutter tremulously, and we are near the equator. So—I don't think we can expect a white Christmas. Literally, with due regard to the popular (erstwhile) song, all that I can do is dream of a white Yuletide: I can dream, can't I?

The effacing hand of Time is already at work—and I have been away only a year and a half. I shall return to school a complete nonentity and shall have to begin from scratch. It would be a pleasure to have somebody in my class who has heard of me, though remotely, very remotely.

Yes, all my students have "grewed up" and are now in college or about to enter it. They have developed a marked trace of sophistication and probably have already relegated their high school teachers to the limbo of boredom and mediocrity. But remember, WE MADE YOU WHAT YOU ARE TODAY, FOR BETTER OR WORSE! Maybe we aren't as learned as the people in the universities, maybe we have treated you like the children you were, maybe we have been tough on you people (though not as tough as you will be on yourselves). But WE MEANT WELL. And you may start the New Year by being in a forgiving mood!

I have finished "Argentine Diary" and enjoyed it very much. One can obtain a fairly good picture of the extent to which fascism has penetrated the various South American countries, particularly Argentine. It is all so disillusioning, so pathetically disillusioning.

Cordially,

Jacob P. Solovay

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Dear Mom:

No doubt you have wondered where I've been. Well, now I can tell you one of the places.

We were in the invasion of Leyte in the Philippines. We took troops down, and then we bombarded the beach. When we went through the channel, a Jap plane attacked the convoy; it was shot down. Then we bombarded on and off from morning till after midnight. Jap planes came over every day and night. One of our ships was torpedoed, but not seriously. We went to general quarters quite early. We couldn't get much sleep. Some of us slept by our guns, using our helmets as pillows. I'm a loader on a twenty mm. anti-aircraft gun. We were tired and scared that day, nothing but noise, firing and tired sailors. I guess I can't say any more. You probably read the papers though. Mom, ask Loretta to get me a 1944 senior year book at Fort Hamilton. Well, I guess that's all for now.

Merry Christmas to all.
William Kraus

Competition Boosts Sale Of War Stamps

Stamp sales are increasing, according to Mr. Levin, faculty adviser of the G. O.

"The principal reason for the steady rise in the sale of war stamps," said Mr. Levin, "is the contest we are holding. The competition between prefects has become very keen. The prefect that shows the highest amount on the board," said Mr. Levin, "may not be the final victor. The award shall be theatre tickets to a New York production."

"The winning honors will go to the highest class having every member participating. It is necessary for every member of the class to have at least two dollars worth of war stamps."

In keeping with the Fort Hamilton tradition two Christmas assemblies were held during the week preceding the holidays. Highlighting the program on Friday was the presentation of a \$600 check, obtained from the proceeds of last term's varsity show, to Miss Elizabeth Beason, Assistant Field Director at Halloran Hospital.

The money, which will be used to purchase victrolas and records for the hospital, was gratefully accepted by the nurse. "As soon as the wounded men come in, almost the first thing they ask for is to hear the latest recordings. Naturally, with such a large hospital, it's hard to spread all the radios and victrolas around. The records and victrolas that we intend buying with the money will really help boost the morale at the hospital a great deal."

The check was presented to Miss Beason by Perry Cross, 6-6, whom students remember as the Mr. Quimby of "Seven Keys to Baldpate." His comment was, "It was lots of fun working in the varsity show, and now that I know it has also helped the war effort, I'm especially glad that we gave it."

Christmas Assembly

The program on Friday's assembly consisted of a medley of songs rendered by the mixed chorus and a number of selections played by the band. Miss Konig directed the songs which ranged from the difficult *Gloria*, from the *Mass in C* by Mozart, to the Negro spiritual *Climbin' Up the Mountain*. The band was directed by Mr. Rattner in selections from *Car-men* and the *Overture to the Student Prince* which were given by student request. A feature on the program was a piano solo, entitled *Christmas Opus No. 2*, played by George Rudolph, who composed it for the occasion.

Senior Assembly

The senior class, with Leon Anderson, senior president, as master of ceremonies, was responsible for the Wednesday assembly.

Performing in the senior play, "Christmas at Home" were Doris Baron, Carl Clausen, Dominic Scarlato, Muriel Krasnoff, Ann Berg, Julie Collier, and Joseph King.



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Sports Deck

By Phil Monaco

I have often wondered what goes on during those intermission periods that occur in our Hockey and Basketball games.

On Saturday, Dec. 23 at five in the morning, the Hockey Team braved the winter winds and plodded through the rain and snow to the Ice Palace. They were playing Brooklyn Tech, last season's League Champs, at 8 o'clock.

Tech Leads In First Half

Arriving at the game during the second period, I squeezed on to our bench between "Boom Boom" McFarland and Lou Lento. These boys acted strangely throughout the game, jumping up and down, clubbing imaginary Tech men, and shouting out blood thirsty advice.

"Hit him again Barney; don't let him get away."

Locker Room Spirit

The second period ended with Fort Hamilton trailing 2 to 1.

"After today we're either heroes or bums," said Tom Gerard.

The boys dragged themselves dejectedly into the locker room. Everything was quiet. Then Bobby Gulbin began to rave.

"Boy, they're skating rings around us. You defensemen have got to get to your points faster."

"Yeah, and Borab, don't take so many of those blind shots," chirped in Bobby Tobin.

"What do you say we take this one for 'Jango,'" said 'Sonny' Juliano. "Jango" Reinhardt, our goalie, was out of the game getting three stitches over his eye. Bobby Haltenhoff was goalie in his place, playing a good game, and keeping the Tech men scoreless.

During that 15 minute intermission period, the boys replayed the first two periods. They went over each play and each mistake made.

Gerard, Borab Star

In the third period, "Blackie" Borab, playing one of the best 15 minutes I have ever seen, pinned Tech men against the boards and sparked most of the scoring.

On first line: Borab, Gerard, and Tobin, figured in all our scoring. This line scored four goals in the third period, Tommy Gerard ramming in three for the "hot trick."

Cheering Squad

If you have attended any basketball games you have probably heard our zany cheering squad.

This group is headed by Herb Rosenblum, Perry Cross, Jerry Hornig, Marty Lewis, Clyde McBride and Bert Barnett.

They had the crowd at the Midwood game roaring at their antics. Rolling up their pants and mimicking the Midwood cheering squad, they daintily lumbered on to the court and cheered the Midwood players.

But the Cheering Squad can't do all the work. Why not learn the cheers and join in the fun.

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Ice Hockey Team Defeats City Champs 5-2; Druckermen Drop Thriller to Madison Five

Gerard Scores Three Times In Tense Game With Tech

By Barney Cohn

Paced by the high scoring line of Gerard, Tobin and Borab, the Fort Hamilton ice hockey team downed the defending city champions Brooklyn Tech by the score of 5-2 after trailing 2-1 going into the last period. Tom Gerard tallied three times for the victors.

A few enthusiastic fans turned out at eight o'clock in the morning to witness the game. Hamilton drew first blood early in the first period when Tom Gerard netted the disk for Hamilton's first goal. From that point on until the opening of the last period Hamilton never quite gained their offensive punch. The play saw-sawed back and forth the remainder of the first period with Tech doing most of the pressing. Late in the first period Tech tied the score on a goal by Al Sobel. Tech went ahead early in the second period when Justus DeVries slammed in Tech's second goal. Reinhardt, and his defense then stiffened and they successfully turned back each Tech power play. Midway through the second period goalie Reinhardt sustained a cut above his right eye. It was not serious but it necessitated his leaving the game. "Little Robbie" Haltenhoff was standing by and he quickly donned the goalie pads and aptly guarded the net for the remainder of the game.

Victory In Last Half

Going into the last period Hamilton trailed 2-1, but the boys put on a rally which netted three quick goals by Borab, Gerard, and Tobin in that order. Tom Gerard administered the coup de grace in the form of a goal with only two minutes to play. Although Gerard, Tobin and Borab did all of the scoring a great deal of the credit for the win goes to the defense, Jango Reinhardt and his successor Haltenhoff; both turned in capable and at times brilliant net-minding. George Foiles, Bill Gorman, and Barney Cohn mainly handled the defense chores. Sonny Juliano, Lou Lento, and Johnny Croak also saw a great deal of action as forwards.



Action under Utrecht basket. Sol Romantz, Fort Hamilton player assigned to guarding New Utrecht's star, Gottlieb, is the interested spectator.

Murphy, New Track Star Wins Medal in Dec. Meet

By Bill MacAlpine

Joseph Murphy became Fort Hamilton's newest track star by placing third in the 880 yard run in the December 16 Stuyvesant track meet and in so doing earned a bronze medal and the titles of "Team's leading scorer" and "second Fort Hamilton runner to win a medal in a major track meet."

Other Entries Star

The school's entry in the 100 yard dash, Herb Rosenblum, won his heat by a wide margin in 11 seconds and came back in the semi-finals to finish fourth.

In the 880 yard relay, Sussman got off to a good start and led by a wide margin when he passed the baton to Clyde McBride. As Clyde started, adding more yards to our lead, he suddenly tripped and fell. This put us back into sixth place. But through sensational running on the part of Gil Jacobsen and especially Busiello, they pulled up into fourth place.

By placing second in the initial heat and finishing sixth in the finals, the mile relay team, consisting of "Tony" Bonanno, Jackson, Joe Cutri, and Bill MacAlpine, appears to be on its way to glory in future meets.

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Girls' Sports

By Betty Leuchs

Climaxing another term in the Girls Health Ed. Department is the Awards Assembly which will take place this afternoon at 3:00 P. M. in the Girl's Gym.

It will be a formal ceremony which will include the lighting of candles, and speeches by both Mr. Ludwig and Lois Carlson, the president of the Beacons. At this time, various awards will be presented. The Major H's are going to be awarded only to girls who are graduating this term. These must have belonged to ten clubs over a period of five terms and must have a very high standing with the department. (If you think that's tough, let me add that for next term's seniors, the qualifications will have been increased!) Minor H's are going to the team from the basketball club who turned out "tops." These girls are Lee Cunningham, Lois Carlson, Elaine Doyle, Edith Sackett, Vivian Halley, Janet Frandson and last, but by no means least, Alice Schwyer. Gloria Hendricksen and Janet Kowalski, who have been passed by the members of the Beacons, will be installed into that honor society providing they have been "O.K.d." by all the girl's gym teachers. Letters will go to the members of Miss Brookman's seventh period gym class who participated in, and won the intramural Volley Ball tournament. They played two seven minute periods against period one's team and came out on top by a score of 13-9.

Team Keeps Scores Close; Hintermeister High Scorer

Opening its first game of the New Year, our basketball team, dogged by hard luck, ran into league leading Madison High School at Madison on January 4.

Fighting valiantly all the way, Hamilton was outplayed, losing by a score of 36-55 to the well-seasoned Madisonians.

New Comers Gain Experience

Starting his first game of the year in Bill Maro's spot, Al McCormack played a good offensive game, racking up six points before he was replaced early in the first half. Also showing well were Burns, Biggio, Fitzpatrick, and Woltman.

Madison, striking with a fine passing attack, left the floor at intermission time on the top end of a 29-19 score.

Hamilton Hits Losing Streak

In the second half, led by Bill Hoffman who scored 18 points, Madison broke through our defense and scored frequently, displaying well executed plays. Sol Romantz, playing his usually fine game, led our boys in scoring, netting eight points.

Lose to Utrecht, Midwood

Previous to this game, Hamilton dropped games at New Utrecht, 37-50; at Manual, 29-39, and at home against Midwood by a score of 41-47. In the Utrecht game Hamilton was beaten by the sharp shooting Al Gottlieb, who racked up eighteen points. Hintermeister was high scorer for our team with fourteen points.

In the Midwood game, Hamilton, as far behind as 11 to 1 in the first period, fought back and was nosed out in the last period, the score being 47-41. In this game, Sol Romantz led our team in scoring with 11, Maloney came second with 8, and Hintermeister third with 7.

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Grade Council Doings

The Forty-Eighters

A campaign has been started by the second term council to have every member of the class wear class pins . . . Mr. Levine's English 201H class is publishing the "Wallpaper," a publication devoted to class and school news, reminders, articles, and poems. On the editorial staff are Jack Boyle, Lloyd Carlson, Evamae Elian, and Lorraine Doring . . . Our first skating party was such a tremendous success that another one was held, by popular demand, during the Christmas holidays.

The Fourth Term

Congratulations to the fourth termers who will be contributing their bit to the *Pilot* next term as reporters. Good luck to them.

Have you seen George Donald's new love? She has black hair and is in perfect 4-3. Irene Lacey is still chattering about that certain boy who walks her to classes every day. How disappointed A&S's must have been when Tommy Cleaver didn't show up for his job as Santa Claus! We wonder why Billy Maery's eyes sparkle so brightly. Anyone have any ideas? Have you seen the smiling face of a certain Doris Tomczak when that particular 6'5" walks by? How is Harold getting along with his skating, now that Joan W. is teaching him a few tricks? Have you noticed the gleam in Rita's eye now that a certain fellow named John is home?

The Sixth Term

Cupid's arrow hit a bull's eye when it found its mark in Gloria Hendricksen and her Joey. Ditto for Dot Mowat and Richard H.

Take a gander at Jean Barteld's third finger, left hand.

Have you noticed the girl guards in the Boy's Cafeteria? You can find sixth termers—Veronica Imperato, Dot Tennyson and Clara Tracktir on duty during the 4th period every day. Beauty over brawn is Mr. Le-

vine's new strategy. Seems to be working, too!

The mailman must get quite a chuckle on delivering a certain sixth termers' daily letters. Latest rick-rack is: Postman! Postman! Do your duty. Rush this to a Coast Guard Cutie!

The Seventh Term

Senior privileges are now being discussed by the 7th termers at the Thursday afternoon council meetings. The 7th termers feel that the seniors should have more privileges than they have now. Already suggested were outdoor lunch periods in the spring with an improved checking system, and a Senior Week with different senior activities each day. If you have any ideas, don't keep them to yourself. Remember all 7th termers are invited to the council meetings.

The second issue of the "Bunk" has been published and has met with the same success as the previous issue. The class certainly appreciates the efforts of Barney Cohn, Phil Monaco, and others who have contributed to the paper.

Senior pins are arriving in January and that reminds us to start thinking about our class officers and celebrities. And start saving for the rings and senior dues!

Fort Hamilton Girl Students Are Switchboard Voices With Smiles

Did you know that our own Fort Hamilton girls operate the switchboard in the general office throughout the day? These girls are members of the Secretarial Service Squad of which Mrs. Bonom is faculty adviser.

Of course they are under supervision (even public telephone operators have their "chief operator") but the main responsibility of the board rests with them. The school has but two trunk lines; it therefore requires judgment, patience and poise to contend at once with: two incoming calls, three or four attempted outgoing calls from our various office extensions, with impatient signalings for attention.

Job Requires Tact

There is always someone who telephones in to leave a long message, perhaps about absence (thus tying up the board while the message is being taken down) or there is a call (frequently at 2:59) which must reach a teacher before he leaves—all this must be cared for intelligently and tactfully.

Evelyn Christiansen 6-5, Elizabeth Gibson 4-9, Gloria Orazio 5-2, Coralie Irvin 1-4, Ruth Schoenberger 5-8, Wanda Peter 4-9, Patricia Shoaf 6-1, Marie Michaelsen 6-1, Vera Mangoldt 5-9, Gloria Dulchin 5-2, Sarah Hogg 5-2, Emily Vissi 4-9, Lillian Nelson 6-1, Lillian Soppit 5-3, Gloria Hendriksen 6-3, Anna Apanovich 6-3, Ruth Johnson 8-2, are the girls who staff the board.

Paratrooper Kearns Talks About Jumps

"You'll always be scared, no matter how often you jump." That's the opinion of Joseph Kearns, a January '44 graduate of Fort Hamilton, who has been in the army for six months.

After completing his seventeen weeks of basic training, Joseph volunteered for the Paratroop branch of the service. "One of the main reasons for my applying is the \$50 extra the paratroopers receive each month."

Joe said he learned quickly that, "You're not scared the first time you jump because you don't know what to expect, but after that . . ." Another observation of his was "that the only way to get to know your pals in Brooklyn is to join the Army." This last statement is explained by the peculiar coincidence that a boy who went to New Utrecht and lived in this vicinity went through both basic training and the special Paratroop training with him, and that he met this boy only in the Army.

F.H.H.S. High Flyer Urges Team-Work

Eddie Allgor, whom many of you may remember from the graduating class of January '44, is now an assistant engineer and gunner on one of the famed B-29s. He was sworn in the Aviation Cadets, sent to Tyn-dall Field, Florida, where he attended a gunnery school. He was then a ferry boat gunner in a B-17 for four months before he went to Grand Ireland, Nebraska, where he is now, on a B-29.

Eddie is enthralled at the enormity of the B-29, and claims it is the most wonderful plane of them all. He has flown all around the country and has seen, among other things, Texas, Cuba, Oregon and Minnesota. He expects to go overseas shortly.

Teamwork Needed

Chairman of the Senior Privilege Committee, designer of the Senior pin, and member of the Senior Council, Ed was quite an active Fort Hamiltonian. He considers his new life quite wonderful and believes school spirit and team work are a great asset. To the prospective gunners he prescribes a decent knowledge of Math, Science, Radio, Aeronautics and Auto Mechanics, and a willingness to work together.

"You have to learn to work together as a team. Get it now, before it is too late. Upstairs, your life depends on team work."

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